

(Washington DC) Congressman Charlie Gonzalez attended the celebration at the White House of the National Champion University of Texas Longhorns. Congressman Gonzalez issued the following statement:

"I am very pleased to attend the White House celebration of the National Champion Longhorns. It is fitting that Valentine's Day, the day of romance and roses, is the occasion for the Rose Bowl victors to visit the White House. Texas has enjoyed a long love affair with football and, for many Texans, University of Texas football has a special place in their hearts. As one of the thousands of alumni throughout America, I watched with pride and amazement as the Longhorns mounted a comeback that ranks among the greatest in sports history.

Quarterback Vince Young and the Longhorns rallied from a 12 point deficit against the undefeated two-time defending National Champion USC Trojans. Just when it looked like the Trojans would keep their crown, Vince Young willed his way to victory. Never has college football seen such an unstoppable combination of size and speed. This title game was a match-up for the ages.

I especially want to congratulate Coach Mack Brown who restored the UT program to its rightful place among the national football powers. Longhorn fans have waited since 1970 for another championship, and this Mack Brown led team delivered one in grand fashion.

This is a proud day for the state of Texas and the University of Texas."